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to Mr. Bradford

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Sir

Agreeably to your request to be informed as to the progress condition and wants of my Department I have the honor to state that since my last report, I have used all possible dilligence in forwarding my preparations in order to be ready to commence operations in the course of the ensuing Month —

I regret to say that circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from commencing my annealing furnaces — The Mason work intended for their reception is but just completed, and has not yet done settleing ~~into~~ upon its foundation — It is impossible therefore to determine what will be its final stationary elevation

I think however that it will be advisable to begin the furnaces in a day or two — Two of the Coining Presses are nearly ready for the reception of the dies and I have written to the ~~a~~ Director at Philadelphia requesting to have them sent on as early as possible — I have likewise informed him of my want of weighing ~~Ballances~~ and adjusting Ballances — The smaller furnaces, one for the Whitening boiler, one for greaseing the strips and two for roasters used in cleaning Planchets are ready for use

It has been deemed expedient and necessary during your absence to dismiss several of the men in consequence of their having been ~~engaged~~ concerned in sowing disaffection among the others. — I have dismissed two Washington Jackson — and Ira, C. Sibley, whose places have been filled quite to my satisfaction by Donnie. and Clarke — On the whole I congratulate myself on having rid the Institution of two persons who had proved themselves unworthy of their situations — although much inconvenience was apprehended from the misplacement of the Engine and Machinery by Mr Hope, I am happy to say that such dispositions have been made of the means which are left us as ~~to~~ will secure every facility necessary for the operations of my Department.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Rufus Tyler
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